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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 7, 2001, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire March 7, 2002, a petition for extension of time up to and including June 7, 2002 being hereby made, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the following sentence for the first sentence following the title on page 1 of the specification:

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-- This application claims priority from U.S. patent application 60/113,800, filed

December 23, 1998, which is herein incorporated by reference.--